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Sir:		INFORMATION DISCLO	SURE STA	TEMENT			
	1.	PTO-1449 Pursuant to 37 CFF [within 3 months of filling or prior		e Action on	the merits]		
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	3.	Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d) [after Final Office Action or Allo Statement and Rule 17(p) fee),					

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The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37

37 C.	F.R. §	§ 1.9	7 and 1.98:				
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This p	oaper	is sub	omitted in accordance with:				
	5.	37 (CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]				
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		a)	The required Statement made in item 8 below; or				
	\boxtimes	b)	The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 9 below.				
	7.	37 CFR $\S1.97(d)\colon$ [after Final Office Action or Allowance (requires Rule Statement \underline{and} Rule $17(p)$ fee), but before final fee payment]; and					
		a)	The fee (\$180.00) required by 37 CFR $\S1.17(p)$ is submitted herewith; and				
		b)	The required Statement is stated in item 8 below.				
	8.	Stat	ement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)				
		a)	The undersigned attorney of record hereby certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (each item contained in this IDS was the first citation of that item by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application which occurred no more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS); or				
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Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees applicable to this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. An original and one (1) copy of this document are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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